

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

One day a professor was discussing a particularly complicated concept. A pre-med student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we have to learn this pointless information?" "To save lives." The professor responded quickly and continued the lecture. A few minutes later, the same student spoke up again. "So how does physics save lives?" he persisted. "It keeps the ignoramuses like you out of medical school," replied the professor.

Peter writes in 2 Peter 3:18: *"But grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* As we read through the pages of scripture, we need to consider these thoughts: Take note of this. Pay attention to this. Pay attention to what God is saying because this is divine revelation. This is the Word of God with information that can save us in the sense of leading us to One who saves by His grace!

Paul reminded young Timothy, *"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."* (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

Before the beginning of an athletic event, attended by thousands of fans, a little dog strayed from his master onto the field. From the grandstand on one side of the field, one person whistled. Presently, many were whistling to the dog from all sides of the field. In the middle of the field, the little dog, filled with confusion and fright, crouched to the ground. Then, a boy at the end of the field put two fingers into his mouth and whistled shrilly and loudly. The little dog, recognizing his master's call amidst the others, leaped to his feet. With ears erect, the dog ran swiftly to its master.

Can you hear your master calling you above all other calls in this world? Be quick to listen to what God is saying!

ANNUAL AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

It's always good to get together with friends and family from other congregations in town. **College church of Christ** will be hosting our Annual Area-Wide Worship Service this year and has invited us to join them on Sunday, **January 15th @ 5:00PM** to worship together as one body. Speaker will be Brandon Watson, who will bring a lesson from Eccl. 12:13—14, "My Purpose in Life." They will also be hosting an Area-Wide Youth Devotional following worship service.

To Our Guests...

We are blessed to have you here with us for worship today. Our prayer is that your time with us will be a blessing, and that you will find the worship uplifting, the message encouraging, the Lamar Avenue family friendly and the atmosphere welcoming. For families, we have a staffed nursery (*ages birth-24 months*) located in the back of the foyer. We also offer Children's worship for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. They will be dismissed during our assembly. Please stop by the Welcome Center (located in the middle of the foyer) for more information about our church family and the many different ministries we are involved with. We are so glad you are here and hope you will join us as we seek to know God and His vision for His people and the world.

Our Vision is ...

CONNECT WITH GOD

Our Vision is ...

UNITY OF BELIEVERS

Our Vision is ...

RESTORE ALL THINGS

FAMILY NEWS

COMMUNICATION—is GREAT when it happens!! Here are the avenues that we take to communicate to this congregation. This bulletin....*Do you read it??* The Power Point BEFORE worship, our facebook page @ Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, our church webpage @ lacoc.org and the prayer blog @ <http://lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com>. We have the bulletin board near Room 6 as well as the Welcome Center that we try to pass along information. We hope you can find one of these ways to stay plugged in.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Our Ladies Wednesday morning bible class will resume at 10:00 AM on **January 11th**.

HELP NEEDED—If you are willing to learn and can cover the responsibility of the Power Point one Sunday a month, please see **Kim Hanley**. She says, “Anyone can handle this. It’s a matter of pushing a button!”

THANK YOU -We want you to know how much we deeply appreciate your ongoing support and donations to our **Rainbow Room**, and specifically for all the backpacks you filled and donated a few months ago. You have no idea what a great blessing this is for children who are experiencing a very difficult time in their lives. You are an incredible blessing to our organization and we are so thankful. ~ **Children’s Advocacy Center**

THANK YOU—for your expression of sympathy. It is during times like this that we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. ~ **family of Melvin Webb**

SYMPATHY—Heartfelt sympathy goes out to our sweet sister, **Joanne Wood**, whose brother-in-law, Aubrey McNutt, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Joanne and her family in your prayers.

SYMPATHY—Our condolences also go out to our sister, **Dinah Border** and family on the sudden death of her grandson, Coby Whitaker. Please keep this extended family in your prayers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY— Please prayerfully consider whether you can help at the Paris Pregnancy Care Center. There are several opportunities: volunteer, be a prayer partner, donate baby & maternity items, donate funds, serve, be a church liaison. For more information, please see brochure at the Welcome Center.

Since we are all in the gift giving mood at this time of year, we should consider giving a most precious gift that doesn’t cost you anything but the courage to do it. **Notice May date change!!!**

Give the gift of life

**LACOC 2017
Blood Drive Dates:**



Donate blood

**Feb. 15th
May 3rd
Aug. 2nd
Nov. 1st**

WINTERFEST 2017

January 13th–15th

All high school students and sponsors going to Winterfest NEXT weekend please be at the building **Friday by 4:00PM**. The cost is \$75.00 for the weekend which includes your Winterfest ticket, some meals and hotel stay for two nights. **You will need extra cash for 2 meals!!** We will be returning around 2:00PM Sunday.



CDR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION will take place here at LACOC on Jan. 22nd @ 1:30PM. AGES 9 AND UP!

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES COME JOIN US!

Elton Weeks – Auditorium

“People of the Old Testament”

Jay Spencer— Room 3

“Study of 1 John & How It Might Change The Way You Live.”

Women of our congregation— Room 6

“Generations:

A Biblical Study for Women of all ages”

Men of our congregation—Elders Conference Room

“Biblical Study of Current Events and How They Affect The Church”

PRAYER

CHURCH MEMBERS: Selena & Sophia Johnson, Linda Erwin, Claude Jones, Mary Tallant, Sarah C. Smith, Joel McGee, Jay Cannon, Webber Woodall, Butch Mills, Naomi Bassett, Johnny Bassett, Carol Murphy, Sherrie Boyd, Roy Jones, Paul & Carol Helton, Carl Melton, Joel Casey, John Figgins, Louise Peace, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Lisa Harroff, Tony Clark, Gary LeFlore, Kimrie Dean, Connie Murray, Ross Floyd, Debbie Daniel, Lola Catron, Annley Rain Carter, Tammy Huffman Beazley, Doneta Ferguson, Carolyn Drake, Tabitha Morris, Canyon Phillips, Gatz Nottingham, Laura Slagle, Mac McCollum, Sierra Faulkner, Tommy Patterson, Matt Welch, Jamie Parker, Carol Ward, Vicki Schaff, Todd Warren, Betty, Bruce & Victor Herbert, Jillian Ingram, Dr. Chris Manschreck, Vanderpools.

MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:
Stephen Mass, Donny Shaffer, James Crimmin.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please contact the church office or e-mail: mollywoodall@suddenlink.net
www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com

SERMON NOTES

WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER —Curtis Garrett

296 We Have Come Into His House

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

300 Praise Him
414 Anywhere With Jesus
351 He Bore It All
458 Redeemed

OPENING PRAYER—Stephen Gerrald

213 He Is Able
313 The Old Rugged Cross

COMMUNION — Carl Haggard

OFFERING

1015 Jesus Loves The Little Children

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(Leslie K. / Kristi L. / Justin K. / Katie K. / Kimberlyn L.)

422 Spirit Of The Living God

MESSAGE—Jared Baggett

915 Trust and Obey

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER—Jay Spencer

*Songs marked with *** will be displayed on the screen.*



New Members
John & Linda Cannon



Sunday Evening
Patrick Cannon

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Jan. 11th—Ladies Morning Bible Class will resume

Jan. 13th—15th—Winterfest (high school only)

Jan. 29th—5th Sunday Fellowship

Feb. 12th—Faithful Readers

Feb. 15th—Blood Drive

****Anything in red is NEW to the calendar.*

2016 BENEVOLENCE REPORT

In 2016 the benevolence team provided assistance on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00PM. Assistance was provided to **365** families on **504** occasions. Financial assistance provided for various needs was **\$18,931.54**. Other assistance provided included church members donations to the food pantry. Gasoline vouchers were also made available for out of town medical purposes. In addition, **92** food baskets were provided to needy families at Christmas time. Those assisting on the Monday benevolence ministry team during 2016 included: Sandra Carrell, Charolette Bollman, Jimmy & Marie Faulkner, Kim Hanley, Peggy Jack, Tanya Welch, Dannie Weeks, Don Lawrence and Richard Peace. Clint & Misty Gage coordinated the Christmas food basket distribution.



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

Chicken Strips

SHEPHERDS

Kyle Jones
 Wayne Kerby

Richard Peace
 Jay Spencer

MINISTERS

Patrick Cannon, *Preacher*
 Jared Baggett, *Youth & Family*
 Keith Bollman, *Involvement*

STAFF

James Hanley, *Latch Key Director*
 Jill Faires, *Kiddie Kollege Director*
 Kim Hanley, *Administrative Assistant*
 Tanya Welch, *Secretary*

DEACONS

Greg Beckmon	James Hanley
Alan Boyd	Don Lawrence
Derald Bulls	John McGee
Mike Erwin	Clay Spencer
Heath Fowler	Clint Spencer
Brad Francis	Shane Welch
Clint Gage	

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MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY
 Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
 Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 (Small Groups meet in various locations.)
WEDNESDAY
 Ladies' Bible Class.....(Sept.-May).....10:00 a.m.
 Bible Classes.....6:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (01/15/2017)

Usher:	John McGee/ Team 2
Sound Booth:	Nathan Ryser
Opening Prayer:	Robert Henson
Communion Prayer:	Paul Garrett
Communion Servers:	
Trey Unruh	Justin Welch
Clovis Vaughn	Elton Weeks
Kolton Welch	Sam Wickes
Shane Welch	Phil Wilson
Responses/Closing Prayer:	Kyle Jones
Children's Worship:	Cynthia H. / Sherri B. Chris H. / Luke F.

January 1, 2017 Report

Bible Class	
Worship Services	348
Evening Worship.....	
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	
Total Evening Services	
CONTRIBUTION	\$ 19,336
BUDGET	\$ 12,653
YTD BUDGET	\$ -6,114

Pantry Needs:

Canned soup / Shampoo

Rainbow Room Items:

Jeans for school aged kids
 Lice kit treatments